

My Dear Mr. Wallace

I am reading with much interest and gratification your Island Life, and have gone nearly through the first part.

When treating of the general position of continents and oceans and citing some geological authorities, you ~~might have been~~ ^{glad to know} that you have heard of my countryman Prof. Dana. I think it was as early as the year 1825 - that he laid this down very simply in an address as Prof. of the Am. Mus. for Advancement of Science. I do not know if it is made prominent in his Geology.

The close of your Chapt. VII, p. 119, 120, would so completely serve for an abstract of the substance of a published lecture of mine which you once did me the honor to command that I should have been pleased if you had referred to it upon this occasion.

Always sincerely,

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